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September 25, 2020

VIA SHAREPOINT

The Division of Administrative Law 1020 Florida Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: In the Matter of Aundra Harris

Agency Tracking No.: 7020-001

Dear Ms. Duhon:

Please file the attached documents notifying the Ethics Adjudicatory Board that Aundra Harris has filed a request for appeal in the referenced matter

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact attorney Tracy Barker at 225-219-5600 or via email at tracy.barker@la.gov, and thank you.

Kindest regards,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Elizabeth W. Darranguere

Elizabeth Barrouquere Staff Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Aundra Harris (via certified mail no. 70192970000163132755)

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Division of Administrative Law Administrative Hearings Clerk 1020 Florida Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Re:

In the Matter of AUNDRA HARRIS

Agency Tracking No.: 7020-001

Dear Clerk:

A request for an appeal was filed by **Aundra Harris** concerning a Late Fee Order issued by the Disclosure Division Director, Ashley Wimberley, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1157 wherein a late fee was assessed against Aundra Harris for her failure to file an amended 2018 Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

Aundra Harris requested a waiver of the late fee. The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its May 8, 2020 meeting, declined to waive the late fee. Aundra Harris requested reconsideration. The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its September 7, 2020 meeting, affirmed its prior decision to decline to waive the late fee.

The agency is in possession of the following contact information regarding Ms. Harris:

Aundra Harris

P.O. Box 26155 New Orleans, Louisiana 70186

Tracy Barker is the designated attorney on behalf of the Louisiana Board of Ethics in this matter, and all correspondence should be directed to her attention. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, you may contact Ms. Barker at (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Carolyn Landry

Executive Secretary

cc: Aundra Harris (via Certified Mail #70192970000163132755)

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September 18, 2020

Aundra Harris P.O. Box 26155 New Orleans, LA 70186

Report ID: PFD19007471

20 (legal) workdays would be Sept. 23, 2020

Louisiana Ethics Adjudicatory Board P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Members of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

My name is Aundra Harris, and I am a resident of a small community in New Orleans, Louisiana. I implore you to please reconsider my request to resolve the \$1,500 late fee and ultimately grant clemency.

I am a law-abiding citizen, and community servant, absent of any malice. My only fault was to trust those that served with me, on the community Board, as a guiding light to assure corrective action. No salary, donation(s), or gifts were ever received at any time to do my job as a representative for the community. My services were provided free and free of any conditions for personal or professional gains. *Please consider at least reducing the amount owed.*

Advised by the financial representative seated on my community's Board, to file the forms provided which triggered the origination of this request, I assure you that no III faith was intended. This was rather a misguided attempt to comply with the Board of Ethics reporting requirement. As I completely believed my obligations to be satisfied, I am requesting that you, the Board of Ethics, reconsideration eliminating the accessed fees.

I accepted the volunteer position as a request from the Board to fill a vacancy that no community member (of 274 residents) wanted or was interested to fill. I stepped up to provide the community with excellent service far beyond that of a paid position and one with no preconceived expectations but to "serve" and provide service to homeowners.

I know that your time is valuable, and I understand. Please reconsider my request. Thank you for your time, and attention this matter.

Aundra Harris

Community Resident

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NO. 70191640000163302436

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 21, 2020

AUNDRA HARRIS 5516 STILLWATER DRIVE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70128

RE:

Late Fee: \$1,500

Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment

Report ID: PFD19007471 Docket ID: 2019-1129

Dear Aundra Harris:

At its August 2020 meeting, the *Board of Ethics* reconsidered your request for waiver. The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that (by majority vote) it AFFIRMED ITS PRIOR DECISION to DECLINE TO WAIVE the \$1500 late fee. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$1,500, payable to the *Louisiana State Treasurer*, Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or appeal the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to:

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Appeal the assessment to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*. Your request shall include all grounds for which the late filer is seeking an appeal, along with any documentation and evidence. Your request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics*, Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271.

If you do not pay the late fee or appeal the assessment by the due date, then the \$1,500 original late fee becomes *immediately* due and owing. If payment is not received, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website. If you timely submit a request for appeal, your name will not be posted on the agency website.

Additionally, you should be aware that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely.

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Tracy M. Barker For the Board

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